

Assembly Bill No. 158

CHAPTER 3

An act to repeal and amend Section 41200 of the Education Code, relating to school finance.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 158, O'Donnell. School finance: The John B. Mockler School Finance Act.

The California Constitution requires from all state revenues that there first be set apart the moneys to be applied by the state for support of the public school system and public institutions of higher education and requires, commencing with the 1990–91 fiscal year, that the moneys to be applied by the state for the support of school districts and community college districts be not less than the greater of certain amounts. Existing law provides the method for calculating the amount of moneys required to be applied by the state for the support of school districts and community college districts, and defines the words and phrases used in specifying the method of calculating that amount.

This bill would provide that those provisions shall be known, and may be cited, as the John B. Mockler School Finance Act. The bill would also resolve a numbering conflict within these provisions.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 41200 of the Education Code, as added by Section 8 of Chapter 82 of the Statutes of 1989, is repealed.

SEC. 2. Section 41200 of the Education Code, as added by Section 8 of Chapter 83 of the Statutes of 1989, is amended to read:

41200. (a) This chapter shall be known, and may be cited, as the John B. Mockler School Finance Act.

(b) The Legislature finds and declares that the California Constitution, as amended by “The Classroom Instructional Improvement and Accountability Act” as adopted by the voters on November 8, 1988, mandates that a specific minimum level of state General Fund revenues be guaranteed and applied for the support of school districts, community college districts, and state agencies that provide direct elementary and secondary level instructional services. The Legislature further finds and declares that, by defining certain terms used in establishing a method of calculation for determining the guaranteed minimum level of funding, Sections 14022.3

and 14022.5 and this chapter further the purposes of “The Classroom Instructional Improvement and Accountability Act.”

(c) It is the intent of the Legislature that the annual Budget Bill, required by Section 12 of Article IV of the California Constitution, include a section that specifies the respective percentages and amounts of General Fund revenues that must be set aside and applied for the support of school districts, community college districts, and the direct elementary and secondary level instructional services of state agencies, as required by subdivision (b) of Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution.